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SUBJECT: LETTER TO PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH FROM ACTING
PRIME MINISTER OF JAMAICA, DR. THE HONORABLE PETER PHILLIPS

1. The Embassy received a Diplomatic Note from Acting Prime Minister of Jamaica, Dr. The Honorable Peter Phillips, requesting the following condolence message be forwarded to His Excellency George W. Bush, President of the United States.

2. Begin text:

The Government and People of Jamaica are deeply saddened by the loss of life and extensive damage to property and infrastructure resulting from the passage of Hurricane Katrina that has affected the southern region of the United States of America, and which continues to seriously affect weather patterns in the U.S.A.

Given Jamaica's own experience, we are painfully aware of the trauma and untold suffering caused by the hurricane. We hope that the floodwaters occasioned thereby will recede and allow life to return to normalcy within the shortest possible time.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of the affected regions of the United States in the aftermath of this natural disaster. End text.

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